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GROW TREES

through your



**SOIL BANK
CONSERVATION
RESERVE PROGRAM**



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THE PLACE OF TREES IN AMERICA'S SOIL BANK

The Soil Bank, a part of the Agricultural Act of 1956, is designed to help farmers make a direct attack on overproduction and to retire and build up land not presently needed for crops. It consists of two programs—

(1) *The Acreage Reserve*, for temporary production cutbacks of "basic" crops now in oversupply;

(2) *The Conservation Reserve*, for a longer shift of cropland and tame hay land to conservation uses.

Of special consideration here is the Conservation Reserve. Through cost-sharing and annual land payments, it will enable farmers to establish conservation measures they have long wanted and needed.

Among these measures, tree planting promises to be a popular conservation choice. It has human appeal and practical use. It is approved as a Conservation Reserve practice. Tree plantations provide protection for soil, water, and wildlife and produce crops of forest products.



TREES

... for Use and Profit



Trees are a good investment. Each year, as they grow larger, they put on more and more wood growth, like money in the bank at compound interest.

The demand for wood will go up as our population grows. Increasing use of wood for paper, lumber, posts, veneers, plastics, particle boards, and other products yet to be developed gives assurance of future markets.

Trees planted now at a small cost under the Conservation Reserve can, in a reasonable time, grow into a profitable crop of products for market. Meanwhile, there can be intermediate crops for home use.

TREES

... for Wildlife



Tree plantations provide food and shelter for wildlife. They provide cool shade to benefit fish life and clear water for good fishing.

Trees for improving wildlife conditions can be planted under the Conservation Reserve. Having wildlife around adds value to a farm.

TREES

... for Shelter and Protection



Trees protect farm buildings, crops, and livestock from hot drying winds and cold winter blasts. They reduce flood, snowdrift, and soil erosion.

With proper selection, planting, and care, trees can be grown in areas of low-average rainfall. Once started, they give a long life of service.

Shelterbelt planting is encouraged in the Soil Bank. Farmers can get technical advice on planting sites, suitable species to plant and proper planting methods.

TREES

... for Pleasure and Beauty



Trees improve the appearance of any farm or community. For many farm people, the same tree growth that checks erosion and provides profitable products will afford a welcome break in an unwooded landscape, and make it a place of beauty.

The farm woods provide a happy spot for outdoor recreation—a place for picnics, or pleasant walks, a place for children and grownups to relax, to go hunting or fishing, to study nature and her ways.

The Conservation Reserve Is Part of the Nation-Wide Agricultural Soil Bank Program. It Is Designed To Fit the Needs of Individual Farms and Farmers.

DO TREES HAVE A PLACE IN YOUR PLANS?

TREE PLANTING IN FARM PLANNING

When working out your farm plans, take a close look at the benefits and possibilities in Soil Bank participation.

Through the Conservation Reserve you have a chance to earn substantial annual income while you undertake conservation measures that will add real value to your land.

If you decide to plant trees:

You can count on a ten-year contract, with possible extension if there is delay in getting your planting stock.

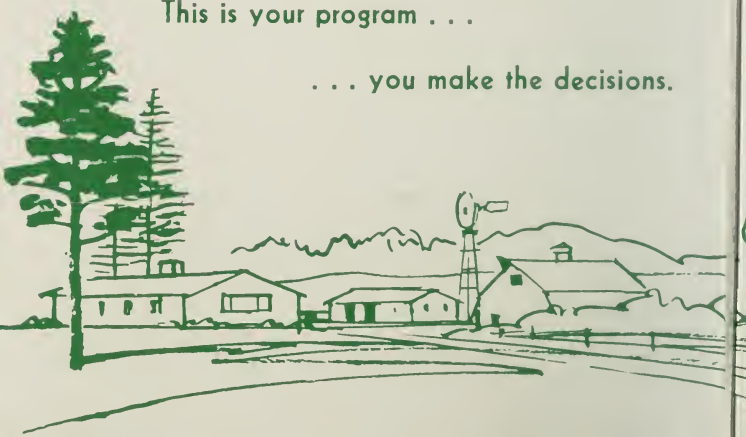
You will receive land-rent payments every year the contract is in force.

You will be reimbursed, in cash or materials, for up to 80 percent of the cost of putting in your plantation.

You can get technical help in your planning and in your planting.

This is your program . . .

. . . you make the decisions.



IF YOU WANT TREES IN YOUR SOIL BANK

Your local *Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee* representative can provide information:

On the Soil Bank Program, and
On contract terms in your locality.

Your *ASC Committee* will take your application and help you work out your contract plan covering cost-sharing help and annual payments.

Your *local public forester* will provide technical help.

Your *county agent* will help you make best use of these services in your total farming operation.

**“ . . . LIKE MONEY IN
THE BANK-- ”**



